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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED ON REJECTION OF RECOGNITION OF
ABKHAZIA AND SOUTH OSSETIA AS INDEPENDENT STATES

REF: A. STATE 091894
[1](#)B. CARACAS 001160

[1](#)1. (SBU) Embassy delivered talking points in reftel to
Foreign Ministry Affairs Director for North American Affairs
Yaneth Arocha. No response is expected from the MFA.

[1](#)2. (SBU) The Venezuelan government has so far refrained from
recognizing Abkhazia and South Ossetia, however President
Chavez recently expressed strong support for Russia's
intervention in Georgia (Ref B). Chavez opposed the
recognition of Kosovo's independence, again in support of the
Russian position.
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